MELVIN E. KAUFFMAN, Plaintiff, after being duly sworn, deposes and says

Questions by E. Austin James, Examiner

Q. State your name, age and residence.

A. Melvin E. Kauffman, Route #1, Thurmont, Maryland, I am 45 years old.

Q. Where do you live?

A. Route #1, Thurmont at Mountaindale.

Q. How long have you been a resident of Frederick County, Maryland?

A. All my life.

Q. What is your occupation?

A. I work at the Everedy Company.

Questions by Mr. Gastley

Introduced as evidence and attached hereto are Exhibits A through Exhibit F, "Exhibit A" being a Plat, "Exhibit B" being a deed from Eutaw M. Snook to Melvin E. Kauffman and wife, "Exhibit C" - a straw deed from Helen M. Mock to Eutaw M. Snook and Lottie M. Snook, "Exhibit D" - a certified true copy of a deed from William H. Todd and wife to Harriet A. V. Fogle, "Exhibit E" - a deed from Harriet A. V. Fogle and husband, for one-acre tract, to David M. King, and "Exhibit F" - a deed from David M. King and wife to Mora M. Snook and William O. Snook.

Q. Mr. Kauffman, how long have you lived at Mountaindale on this property?

A. Since December, 1961.

Q. I show you "Exhibit A", which is a plat filed in this case, and ask you if this is the true interpretation of this property.

A. Yes, it is.

Q. Now, you acquired this property from whom?

A. Eutaw M. Snook.

Q. Mr. Kauffman. I show you "Exhibit B" and ask you if you recognize this as the deed to the property.

A. Yes sir, that is the one.

Q. Do you know how long Eutaw M. Snook held this property?

A. I would say, roughly, 50 years or more. He lived there ever since he was born. In fact, I guess he was born there. That was his mother's and father's place, and when they died, he got the place.

Q. Who was his mother and father?

A. George M. Snook was his father, I didn't know his wife's name.

Q. Now this property was made up originally of two tracts, is that right?

A. Yes.